

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf),  
in collaboration with  
the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Academy of Sciences and Technology,  
and the United States National Academies of Sciences (US NAS)  
cordially invites you to a webinar on

**Public Health and Social Measures for COVID-19  
in the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Africa.**

**Date:** 15 April 2021  
**Time:** 14:00 to 16:00 (CAT)  
**Platform:** Zoom  
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Keynote address by **Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim** on  
**COVID-19: Lessons learnt in responding to health epidemics in Africa.**

**Prof Quarraisha Abdool Karim** (PhD) is a National Research Foundation A1-rated scientist, infectious diseases epidemiologist and Associate Scientific Director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA). She is Professor in Clinical Epidemiology, Columbia University, USA and is Pro-Vice Chancellor for African Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Her research for the past 28 years has focused on HIV infection in adolescent girls and young women. She was the Principal Investigator of the Columbia University - Southern African Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Programme that focused on establishing a strong science base and increasing the capacity to conduct clinical RCTs to highest international scientific and ethical standards. Her landmark study, the tenofovir gel CAPRISA 004 trial, demonstrated for the first time that anti-retrovirals can prevent HIV infection; highlighted by the journal Science as one of the top 10 scientific breakthroughs in 2010. Professor Abdool Karim has over 200 peer reviewed publications; edited several books, contributed several book chapters including co-editing the 6th and 7th edition of the Oxford Textbook on Global Public Health. Prof Abdool Karim is the UNAIDS Special Ambassador for Adolescents and HIV and co-chairs the UNAIDS Strategic Working Group. She is a member of the UNAIDS 2025 target-setting and resource mobilisation Steering Committee and is a member of the PEPFAR Scientific Advisory Board. She holds Fellowships at the: National Academy of Medicine, The World Academy of Science, Royal Society of South Africa, Academy of Science of South Africa and the African Academy of Science.

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